

4. The device in Claim 1 where said pneumatic innerconnect is accomplished by an air cap constructed of cast neoprene or plastic and placed over said oak cores in said oak slabs.
5. A method for increasing wine/air contact in said oak slabs comprised of transverse slots cut through said oak slabs between said cores.
6. A method for introducing air inside said oak slabs comprised of voided out interior volume of said oak slabs.

#### **General Remarks**

**Conditional Request for Constructive Assistance** – Applicant has submitted the specification and claims of this application so that they are proper, definite and define novel structure which is also unobvious. If for any reason this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. ¶ 2173.02 and ¶ 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without need for further proceedings.



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